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PASS: USDA/FAS FOR WITCHER AND SINDELAR

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SUBJECT: MEETING OF WP NO. 5 (FRUIT AND VEGETABLES) OF
COMMITTEE FOR AGRICULTURE, JUNE 9-10, 1975

1. SUMMARY: OFFICERS ELECTED, CROP PROSPECTS CONSIDERED
-- VERY POOR FOR PEACHES, APRICOTS, AND PLUMS IN IMPOR-
TANT EUROPEAN MEMBER COUNTRIES. SHORTFALL COMPARED WITH
1974 UNDERSTATED IN PRESS RELEASE. SHARPLY INCREASED
PORTUGUESE TOMATO PRODUCTION. LIVELY INTEREST SHOWN
IN COST OF ENERGY STUDY, DULL DISCUSSION ON INTERMEDIATE
MARKET FORECAST STUDY. END SUMMARY.

2. VAN ARCKEN (NETHERLANDS), WHO IS RECUPERATING FROM
ILLNESS, RE-ELECTED CHAIRMAN IN ABSENTIA; ARDENTI-MORINI
(ITALY) RE-ELECTED VICE CHAIRMAN (DECLINED TO CHAIR
MEETING FOR LINGUISTIC REASONS); VIDAILLET (FRANCE)
ELECTED VICE CHAIRMAN IN LIEU OF GRANDJEAN (SWITZERLAND,
RETIRED) AND TOOK CHAIR.

3. AGENDA ADOPTED (AGR/WP5/A(75)1)

4. CROP PROSPECTS EXAMINED. IN LINE WITH FR-5031,
5-5-75, FRENCH PEACH PRODUCTION ESTIMATED 187,600 M.T.
(CF. 436,100 T, 1974 AND 598,600 T, 1973). ITALY AND
SPAIN ALSO REPORTED SIGNIFICANT DECLINE, ONLY SLIGHTLY
OFFSET BY GREEK INCREASE. APRICOT PRODUCTION IN SPAIN
100,000 T (CF. 206,000 T), SUM OF OTHER EUROPEAN COUN-
TRIES SAME AS 1974, WITH FRENCH CROP BETTER THAN VERY
LOW 1974 PRODUCTION. FRENCH PLUM PRODUCTION 68,400 T
(CF. 142,900 T). TOMATO CROP SHARPLY UP IN PORTUGAL
(1,250 CF. 950 THOUS. T). CONSIDERATION OF CITRUS
PRODUCTION IN SOUTHERN HEMISPHERE MEANINGLESS. USDEL
GAVE MAY CROP REPORT CITRUS DATA, ANNOUNCED EARLY
AVAILABILITY OF JUNE DATA, AND EXPLAINED THAT LATE US
CROP STILL IN PROGRESS DURING SPRING AND SHOULD THUS BE
CONSIDERED IN ANY MEANINGFUL STUDY OF CURRENT WORLD
CITRUS SITUATION. PRESS RELEASE (NOT YET ISSUED)
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UNDERSTATES PEACH AND PLUM PRODUCTION DECLINE IN
EUROPE. AFTER ADJOURNMENT USDEL GAVE SECRETARIAT
FRUIT PRODUCTION ESTIMATES FROM JUNE 10 CROP REPORT FOR
INCORPORATION IN TABULATIONS TO BE DISTRIBUTED TO

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TO DELEGATIONS.

5. REPRESENTATIVES OF INTERNATIONAL TRADE ORGANIZATIONS HAD NO COMMENTS ON THE CROP TIMETABLE DEVELOPED LAST YEAR BY SECRETARIAT FROM 1972 DATA (AGR/WP5(74)9 & CORRIG.).

6. LIVELY INTEREST SHOWN IN STUDY ON IMPACT OF COST OF ENERGY ON FRUIT AND VEGETABLES MARKET. UKDEL THOUGHT HIGHER ENERGY COSTS SEEMED LESS DECISIVE THAN HIGHER COSTS OF LABOR AND OTHER INPUTS.

7. DISCUSSION ON PREPARING NEW INTERMEDIATE-RUN (UP TO 1980) "MARKET FORECASTS FOR CERTAIN FRUIT AND VEGETABLES", I.E. UPDATING SIMILAR STUDY AIMED AT 1975 AND PUBLISHED IN 1973 WAS LAME, PERHAPS BECAUSE OF ABSENCE OF ENTHUSIASTIC CHAIRMAN (VAN ARCKEN) AND RETIREMENT NEXT NOVEMBER OF NORMAND, OFFICER IN CHARGE OF FRUIT AND VEGETABLES WORK. SECRETARIAT (VIATTE) ENVISAGED "LIGHT" EXERCISE IN TERMS OF MEMBER COUNTRIES' AND SECRETARIAT INPUT. IMMEDIATE PURPOSES WOULD BE 1978 PROJECTION AND CONSIDERATION OF METHODOLOGY FOR 1980.

8. NEXT MEETING SEPTEMBER 23-24 TO BE DEVOTED TO SHORT-TERM APPLE PROSPECTS AND STRUCTURAL STUDY ON SPAIN. TURNER

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